

JUDGE CLOPTON DIES AFTER LONG AND USEFUL LIFE

End Came at Crockett Springs,
Where He Had Gone on Ad-
vice of Physician.

HOLD FUNERAL TO-MORROW

News of His Death Cast Gloom
Over Manchester—Sketch
of His Career.

Judge William L. Clopton, of the Corporation Court of the city of Manchester, died yesterday morning at 6 o'clock at Crockett Springs, after an illness of three weeks. He was seventy years old in June.

Although it was realized that his condition was serious, it was thought that a change for the better had taken place on Wednesday, and physicians in attendance were hopeful of his recovery. At the hour of his death Judge Clopton was attended at his bedside by his wife, his brother-in-law, B. P. Yaden, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Laura A. Yaden.

Judge Clopton had been in ill health for some months, and, in fact, for the past year he had almost been incapacitated. His death was due to Bright's disease and other complications.

The news of his death reached Manchester shortly after 9 o'clock, and by noon it was known throughout the city. It cast a gloom over the entire community. His remains will arrive here this morning at 7 o'clock, over the Norfolk and Western Railway, and will be met at the Richmond depot by a committee of officers and citizens, who will escort the body to Judge Clopton's home, at Fourteenth and Porter Streets. Those who will act as escorts are J. R. Perdue, S. H. Owens, J. C. Snellings, H. A. Maurice, H. E. DuVal, W. C. Pulliam, E. H. Wells and T. J. Smith.

The hour of the funeral has not been decided upon, and the arrangements will not be completed until some time to-day. It is more than probable that the funeral will take place to-morrow. Judge Clopton is survived by his wife and two nephews, Charles and Jefferson Wallace, both of Richmond. He also leaves a nephew, Paul Pulliam, of Prince George county.

In speaking of his death, Commissioner S. R. Owens said yesterday: "Judge Clopton was perhaps the most intimate friend I ever had, and in his death I feel that I have lost a brother. He was a splendid type of the Christian gentleman, and in public affairs was most economical."

"During his administration as judge of Chesterfield and Manchester, he saved both the city and county large sums of money. In his death this community suffers a great loss."

His last official act before leaving for Crockett Springs four weeks ago, on the morning of his departure, was to appoint S. R. Owens to succeed himself as Commissioner of Revenue for the city of Manchester.

Sketch of His Career.
Judge Clopton was born in Henrico county, May 27, 1839. He was the son of Judge John Bacon Clopton, a distinguished lawyer and statesman of Virginia, who died in 1869. He graduated from William and Mary College in 1857, and he immediately began the study of law with his father, and at twenty years of age was admitted to the bar and entered upon the practice of his profession in Richmond. In the spring of 1861, he entered the service of the Confederate army as second lieutenant of the Richmond Payette Artillery. He served throughout the whole war, and participated in thirty different engagements, but was not wounded. In October, 1861, he was promoted to first lieutenant, and to a captaincy in March, 1865. He had, however, commanded his battery almost continuously since April, 1862.

He was in the battles of Williamsburg, Seven Pines, Mechanicsville, Gaines's Mill, Frazier's Farm, Malvern Hill, Second Manassas, Crumpton's Gap, Antietam, Sharpsburg, Gettysburg, Plymouth, and Cold Harbor, and Petersburg; also Red Bank Station, Hatchers Run and Fort Harrison.

In 1865 he resumed the practice of law in Richmond, his home, however, being in Manchester. He was elected City Attorney of Manchester in 1866, and held the office constantly until 1874. In 1871 he was elected a member of the lower house of the State Legislature, and served one term. He was elected judge of Chesterfield county in the fall of 1875, and in the same year was elected judge of the Corporation Court of the city of Manchester. He served in that dual capacity for a term of six years. In 1881 Judge Clopton was re-elected City Attorney of Manchester, and held the position until 1903.

Succeeded Judge Ingram.
In 1885 he was re-elected judge of Chesterfield county, and also held that position until October, 1903, when he was appointed judge of the Corporation Court of Manchester, to succeed Judge John H. Ingram, who was appointed judge of the Law and Equity Court of Richmond. At the expiration of the term he was elected by the Legislature to serve two years, and the last Legislature elected him to succeed himself for a term of six years, which began on February 1, 1909.

Judge Clopton was an active and prominent figure at the bar in Virginia, and was a member of the State Bar Association, and took great interest in the annual meetings of that organization.

While not acting in an official capacity, he practiced law, chiefly in Manchester, during the last forty years. He was a vestry member of Central Methodist Episcopal Church, a Democrat in politics, a Royal Arch Mason, and a grand master of the Thirty-First Virginia District. He was a member of Manchester Lodge, No. 31.

Judge Clopton was married to Miss Eliza, daughter of Douglas Baird, of Richmond, in April, 1868. She died some years later, and he then married Miss Minnie Yaden, daughter of Mrs. Laura A. Yaden, who survives him. There were no children from either of these unions.

Judge Clopton was descended from William Clopton, who came from England to Virginia in the seventeenth century.

ARREST NEGRO ON CHARGE OF CUTTING MAN NINE TIMES.
Napoleon, colored, who is alleged to have seriously stabbed James Logan Saturday night, was arrested early yesterday morning and locked up in the First District Station.

It is said that Logan was slashed nine times in the back, and that Dr. Collier, of the City Ambulance, who attended him, had to take twenty-five stitches to repair the damage.

SURVIVORS OF "BLOODY" FIRST REGIMENT AT FOREST HILL PARK



—Photos by Foster.

MOTOR CAR STRUCK BOY AT IDLEWOOD

Owner of Machine Quickly Picked
Him Up and Raced to Doc-
tor's Office.

While bicycling yesterday afternoon on the speedway at William Byrd Park, a young boy about twelve years of age was knocked down and run over by an automobile numbered 1477. His leg was badly crushed under one of the front wheels. In the machine were a man and a woman. The driver slowed down as quickly as possible and ran back to where the boy was. The latter never lost his nerve, for his first words were that a doctor should not be sent for. Bystanders, however, insisted, and the owner of the machine, after getting his companion out, put the lad inside and rushed him off, leaving the woman to await his return.

The accident occurred so quickly that the names of the couple in the automobile and of the boy could not be learned, though the number of the machine was observed as it was driven off.

The boy seemed to be suffering intense pain. His ankle was badly crushed, and the upper part of his leg also seemed to be torn and bruised. It could not be learned last night where he was taken.

Neither machine nor bicycle, according to bystanders, was proceeding fast. The boy evidently became mixed as to directions when he tried to ride out of the way, and instead of turning right, he turned left, and the machine did not pass directly over him, but dragged him a few feet before it could be brought to a stop.

According to the report of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, automobile license No. 1477 was granted to W. A. Baker, of Highland Park, but he could not be reached last night, and it is not known whether he is still the owner of the machine so listed.

TEST NEW FLUME

One Fourth of Concrete Tube to Be Tried
Under Water Pressure.

Additional tests will be made this week of the completed section of the settling basin flume, from the settling basin to the New Pump-House, the test section to be nearly one-fourth of the entire length, or about 1,200 feet. Bulkheads are placed in other end, and pressure put on by means of a force pump until the flume has the exact water level and tension equal to that under which it will operate under the head of the settling basin.

Exceptionally low water in the river, due to the long dry season, is giving the contractor every opportunity to hasten the job, there having been no interruption on account of high water since the work started. Officials of the Water Department are urging the contractor, the Piedmont Construction Company of Atlanta, to increase its working force, with a view to hastening the completion of the undertaking, which is the key to the city's half-million dollar sedimentation plant.

GAVE UP HIS SUNDAY SUITS TO DRESS TWO SCARECROWS

Chesterfield Farmer Thinks He Will Save Enough Corn to
Buy New Clothes in the Fall, and Laughs in His Sleeve
as People Go By and Lift Their Hats.

"These new fangle farmers believe strings stretched around a cornfield or watermelon patch will scare away the crows," said an agriculturist from Chesterfield county yesterday, as he stopped in the middle of a conversation, in which he boasted "two of the finest specimens of scarecrows ever seen in this part."

"Them's duds scarecrows, them two of mine are," said the farmer, "and they wear better looking clothes than some of these fellows who laughs at me for taking so much pains to dress 'em up."

Sure enough, not far from Stop 15, on the Manchester-Petersburg Turnpike, near where The Times-Dispatch road cars traveled on one of its recent expeditions, the farmer has two scarecrows in a single field.

So carefully dressed are these imitations of men that the farmer has not neglected collar, cravat, shoes or any other detail that might make them appear more manlike. Across the rows of corn, no matter what the weather, these faithful dummy watchers stare at each other. "I just thought to myself as I was so near town, that these crows might get enough sense

LOST, THEN FOUND, AND LOST AGAIN

Two Colored Waifs Have Excit-
ing Time, Finally Landing at
Home of Minister.

Two little colored girls, scarcely more than three years old each, were twice discovered on the street last night roaming in search of their home, and the impression is that they were deserted.

The first time they were discovered in the vicinity of the First Police Station, and two colored men picked them up and carried them in. They nursed the children in their laps for about an hour, and then a colored woman, giving her name as Lucy Jones, rushed excitedly in, and claimed them as the lost waifs of her sister, who was ill in bed. The woman said that she had come down from New York.

Sergeant Whitlock allowed her to take them out, and she went away, with one in her arms and the other clinging to her skirts.

About an hour or so later Rev. Z. D. Lewis, of 202 East Leigh Street, reported that two small colored children had been found in a doorway on Broad Street and had been brought to his home. As in the first instance, the children said they lived on Second Street, and one gave her name as Lulu Taylor. Evidently they were the same children, and the fact that they had been lost and found and lost again gives rise to the impression that they were lost purposely. The Rev. Lewis put them to bed, and will again notify the police this morning.

HORSES ON THE PORCH

Citizen Tells Police Neighbor Annoys
Him With Animal.

Among the numberless complaints received by the Police Department to stop crows from crowing, dogs from barking and cats from meowing, comes now one asking and imploring the department to make a certain neighbor stop keeping a horse on his porch.

The complainant writes that his neighbors "keep their horses on the porch and right beside of my doors, and I can't stand for it." It is a piteous appeal, but no law has yet been passed by which the Police Department may prevent any man from keeping his horse where he pleases. So far as the law goes, a man may keep his domestic animals in his front parlor if he will, and himself live in his stable. A man's home is his castle, and he may do with it what he will. So the police will probably let the man complain about keep his horse on the "porch" as long as he likes.

SAY HOODOO HANGS OVER NEW PLANT

One Year's Interest Paid on
Bonds, but No Work Yet and
No Telling When.

Consulting Engineer Trafford, to whom was referred the offer of the General Electric Company, through Hotchkiss & Gordon, local agents, for the electrical machinery of the municipal plant, will make his report to the Council Committee on Electricity at its regular meeting to-morrow night, when the committee will have to determine whether this offer is to be recommended to the Council as a contract or whether further efforts are to be made to secure a competition in the bidding.

About the City Hall the superstitious are beginning to hint that the plant is "hoodooed," since more than a year has elapsed since the bond ordinance was adopted making the funds available for its erection, yet not a stone has been turned.

The Water Department on the other hand has about completed, and is now testing the electric driven water pumps at the New Pump-House, a constituent part of the scheme for the municipal plant, for which \$100,000 was set apart from the bond issue, leaving \$250,000 for the power-house.

One of the four new pumps is to be driven from the dynamo installed at the time the Lee District stand-pipe was put in, thus keeping up the water supply after the Old Pump-House is abandoned, until the new plant is ready to furnish power for all four of the new water pumps, when there will be ample pumping capacity for many years to come.

Foundation Work Delayed.

The Electricity Committee has not been so successful in expediting its work. The initial award for foundation work and excavating an uncontracted award to A. W. McClay & Co. was recommended by the Council to find out if it included certain work, or whether portions of the excavation were to be extra. This being straightened out, the contract was approved by the Council and signed by the chairman of the committee. It was then discovered that through a clerical error certain items included in the bid had been omitted from the resolution awarding the contract, and under the advice of the City Attorney, they will be the subject of a supplemental resolution to be forwarded to the next Council for approval.

The Electric Awards.

The awards for electrical equipment and machinery have been the source of continual wrangle and delay, with charges and counter-charges, technical statements and legal arguments, until some members of the Council own that they are utterly at sea as to the status of the situation. After the refusal of the Council to confirm the award to the General Electric Company in a former competition, notwithstanding the fact that the Mayor, Mayor Bailey, invited on revised specifications, and but one was received. Four other companies which took part in the first contest filed letters of protest, alleging discrimination, engineers for these companies making the charges that the standards of the General Electric Company had been used. Engineer Trafford was positive in his denial that there had been any favoritism shown or that there had been any effort on his part to throw the contract to any particular company.

Members of the committee asked a number of questions in an effort to bring out whether there had been collusion between the bidders in a concerted attack on the city's engineers. Mr. Trafford, however, was without success. Mr. Trafford was in question, while the representatives of the bidders were unanimous in saying that in order to enter a competition with any hope of success, they must follow their own standard lines—not those of another manufacturer. Those of another manufacturer. The committee referred the General Electric bid to Engineer Trafford for examination as to its technical correctness before it recommends a contract for adoption. Mr. Trafford will report to-morrow night, and the committee must then decide whether it will recommend the single bid for an award or will make further efforts to have a competition in the hope of possible lower prices.

ADOPT MOTION TO SLEEP ON FLOOR

Foreigners Reconsider When
Turned Out to Spend Night as
Best They Could.

Though they had drifted from Wilmington, Del., to Richmond, and had endured all the hardships of travel by foot, by bunker or by blind baggage, Paul Miller and Andrew Schaukase, of Hungary, viewed with dismay the hard floor of the bull pen in the First Police Station last night, and at first declined to accept it as their bed.

Sergeant Whitlock, when the two foreigners were brought in by a merchant on Seventh Street, proffered them the bull pen, and said it was the best he could afford in his hotel. But the pair were evidently looking for mattresses and pillows of down, with perhaps a sheet or two to protect them from the chilling blasts.

"Here, my men," said Sergeant Whitlock, waving his hand with a grand air, "you may rest your weary bones for the night." But for all his gallant air the Hungarians sniffed audibly, and there was much guttural language.

"Don't you like our quarters?" asked a policeman. Miller shrugged his shoulders, and his companion, not yet versed in the intricacies of the English language, looked what he could not utter.

"Then there are the green fields and the winding lanes of all Richmond at your disposal," said the officer, "and you may help yourselves to a bed of grass and a pillow of stone—provided an officer doesn't see you," and he saw them to the door.

But on the outside Miller moved for a reconsideration, and after a few minutes consultation and parleying the motion was carried, and a reconsideration ordered. Then it was decided that, perhaps, the bull pen floor was better than a cobblestone, and a roof better than the ambient ether, and that it were easier to undress by the light of electricity than by that of the stars. Caps in hand they informed Sergeant Whitlock of their determination to accept his hospitality, and in they went, but bugs came forth from their hiding places, and the mosquitoes sang a song of praise.

Try Eggs and Baughan.

A special grand jury has been summoned to appear at Henrico county courthouse to-morrow at noon to inquire into the alleged hold-up and attempted blackmail, which recently occurred at Lakeside Park. Holt Epps and Everett Baughan, the men accused, will appear for preliminary trial before Squire Lewis at 10 o'clock, and will be at once sent before the grand jury. The case against them is said to be very serious.

FINE ENGLISH TERRIER ANSWERS CALL OF THE WILD

Chief Steals Away From Moncure Perkins and Joins
Dinks as a Police Dog—Learns How to Patrol
Beat Just Like a Real Cop.

Answering the call of the wild, "Chief," an English terrier of fine breed, belonging to Moncure Perkins, has given up a life of sweet domesticity, and has taken partnership with "Dinks," the famous police dog, whom he follows and spies as a child follows and imitates its father.

Chief first went to the Second District Station, whence he could not be taken away by his master and owner. Several times he was coaxed back home, but his spirit ever yearned for the exciting and adventurous life of a police dog, and in the dark hours of the night he would crawl from under his master's roof and creep back to his friends, the police.

For several weeks he remained in the upper district, and then one night he made the acquaintance of Dinks. Dinks liked him on the spot, and knowing that his days are numbered—for he is fast nearing his end—he introduced Chief to the First District officers and invited the new vagabond to share his bed and board. Chief accepted, and the two loved dogs have since then lived together. Dinks showing him the most likely neighborhoods for cat-chasing and the dangerous localities he must avoid—the homes of the big dogs.

It did not take Chief long to learn what his duties were to be, and he follows most carefully in the footsteps of his liege lord. Together they patrol their nightly rounds, hunting rats and chasing cats, following the officers, and doing other duties incumbent on a police dog.

The two have had several scraps, for Chief knows that as a vagabond dog he must learn how to take care of himself and how to face his can, and he bears the marks of the fangs of bigger dogs than he.

He returns regularly every night to the First Station, and makes his bed beside Dinks. Occasionally the older dog has to reprove his young companion, but it is only very seldom that he feels called upon to correct his pupil.

Chief will never return home, for he loves the wild, free life too well. He doesn't have to play with children, nor hee a master's voice. He comes and goes as he pleases, fights when he must and eats when he can, and this seems to please him best. Several futile efforts have been made to induce him to return to his former master, but he will have none of domesticity. It is said that he is a very valuable animal and of a particularly fine breed.

LOOKING INTO CONCRETE SEWERS

Engineers and Street Committee
Study Methods of Other
Cities.

A special subcommittee from the Committee on Streets, accompanied by City Engineer Bolling and Assistant City Engineer Bolton, will return to-day from a trip to several Northern cities after inspecting a new method of laying concrete sewers.

Besides the two engineers, there were in the party, Alderman W. H. Adams, chairman of the Committee on Streets, and Councilman Davis, of Clay, and Bailey, of Monroe Ward.

The inspection party left here last Wednesday and spent two days in Newark, N. J., where extensive sewer work is in progress, under the supervision of City Engineer M. J. Sherrard, one of the concrete experts who testified here in connection with the failure of the Settling Basin flume. Philadelphia and Wilmington were also visited.

For service connections and tubes up to twenty-four inches in diameter, Engineer Bolling recommends a vitrified pipe as the cheapest, and as answering all requirements. There are standard makes, sizes and prices, he says, and the city can secure delivery as soon as it is ready to do the necessary ditching for laying the mains.

In fact a shipment of this pipe has been ordered for the new deep sewer in Broad Street, from Adams to Ninth Street, which will be only for draining the cellars of Broad Street stores, not for culvert or surface drainage.

For the large mains, Mr. Bolling has already prepared specifications for a reinforced concrete pipe, and for a brick and concrete construction, each along standard lines. He said he had been informed that certain patent processes for lock-joint concrete pipe was giving satisfaction at much lower prices than ordinary reinforced concrete, and it was this that he wished the committee to see in operation.

It is said to be the first time on record, when both the Engineer and First Assistant City Engineer have been absent from the city at the same time. During their absence, Second Assistant City Engineer Tallaferra has been on the lid, so successfully that few knew of the absence of the two engineers.

Died From Hemorrhage.

Edgar C. Epps, colored, was found dead at Canal and Byrd Streets yesterday morning. Coroner Taylor, who was called to view the body, decided that death was due to hemorrhage of the lungs, and ordered the body to be removed to an undertaking establishment.

To Answer Mr. Kolner.

John Thompson Brown, candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture, left Richmond for Warrenton last night, where he will address the voters in that section to-night. Mr. Brown will answer the charges brought out by the "Bain" in a speech at Charlottesville last Friday.

Must Have Unique Site.
Several members of the Council have not given up their view that the building should stand at the intersection of the selection of the location of the Battle Abbey there must be unique and distinctive; that it must be placed where it cannot be hid or overshadowed, but where it will be seen and noticed by every passerby, and be an object to command the attention of every visitor to the city.

FIND FUGITIVE BATTLEAXE

Hearing That Victim He Ran Over Was Dead, Had Been in Hiding.
Thomas Bain, alias "Battleaxe," colored, was arrested yesterday after a long search, on a warrant charging him with recklessly driving and running over W. J. Hohnig, who was struck down by the vehicle near Seventeenth and Marshall Streets.

Bain had been informed by some of his friends that his alleged victim was dead, and he took to the woods, where, it is said, he had been in hiding until yesterday. A policeman of the Second District saw him on the street and promptly placed him under arrest.

WOULD COMBINE NEW PARK WITH BATTLE ABBEY

Citizens Propose Public Sub-
scription to Purchase West
End Block.

PUT MEMORIAL IN CENTRE

Monument Avenue Residents
Show Interest in Project for
Beautifying Neighborhood.

Citizens of the West End are projecting a plan which bids fair to settle at once the vexed question of a proper site for the Confederate Memorial Institute, and at the same time give to that growing section a public park, attractive in location and ample in size, without additional cost to the city. The plan is for the purchase by public subscription of the entire block bounded by Monument Avenue, the Boulevard, Park Avenue and Mulberry Street. In the centre of this square, surrounded by rapidly developing thoroughfares, is to be placed the Battle Abbey, or permanent memorial of the cause of the Confederacy, the surroundings to be parked and improved in keeping with the neighborhood and the character of building erected in its centre.

What Committee Recommends.
A subcommittee from the Council Committee on Grounds and Buildings, appointed to make a recommendation in regard to the site for the Battle Abbey, has canvassed the situation, viewing a number of locations proposed, and has recommended the lot at the corner of Monument Avenue and the Boulevard, including the purchase of 250 feet on Monument Avenue, about 100 feet on the Boulevard, and a tract running back about half a block (Mulberry Avenue), or a tract in all equal to just one-quarter of the entire block.

The Finance Committee of the Council has already indicated its willingness to give \$25,000 toward the purchase of the lot, a location to be approved by the Council, and the purchase price of the lot recommended is understood to be \$27,500. It is not the intention of the promoters of the new project to ask the city for any additional subscription. This \$25,000, the Battle Abbey trustees will add, will make up half of the amount should purchase the other half of this front, while real estate men say that the Park Avenue half of the block can be secured for a much lower figure.

When it is believed that the owners of the block, who are so anxious to be largely interested in other lots in that vicinity, would make a liberal reduction from the market value of the lots as a contribution toward securing both the Battle Abbey and the park in the neighborhood.

Moses L. Hoffheimer, of 7700 Monument Avenue, said last night that the neighborhood was enthusiastic over the project, both for the park and memorial building. He said there should be no difficulty in raising from \$50,000 to \$75,000 by subscription for the dual purpose, and he said the matter over with one or two neighbors yesterday, and almost before the idea had crystallized secured pledges for more than 1,000, while he believed the land owners and residents of the neighborhood would rally promptly to the project. He said that he thinks could also be obtained from the Confederate sources all over the city as the various veteran and memorial organizations were engaged with the Davis and Stuart Monuments at the time the Battle Abbey fund was being raised, and except for the city's contribution of \$25,000, it was in Richmond have been limited, it is said, to a few sources.

The Civic Improvement League has interested itself in the project of securing a proper location for the Battle Abbey, and warmly seconds the proposed plan. The league, having yesterday the organization would lead every endeavor to have a new park established in the West End, a section which in a few years will be entirely new, and in need of an open breathing place.

No opposition is anticipated from the Council or the Grounds and Buildings Committee. Members of the subcommittee said yesterday that they would welcome the plan to use the entire block, but that the limit of having been set as the city's portion, the committee had not felt that it could recommend a site costing in excess of that amount.

Must Have Unique Site.
Several members of the Council have not given up their view that the building should stand at the intersection of the selection of the location of the Battle Abbey there must be unique and distinctive; that it must be placed where it cannot be hid or overshadowed, but where it will be seen and noticed by every passerby, and be an object to command the attention of every visitor to the city.

Either the circle or the park plan would obviate the general objection to the committee's recommendation against having the Battle Abbey on a corner lot, in a row of residences, with the possibility of mere door-to-door undesirable residences next door to Monument Avenue, and the plain view of the back premises of a row of houses on Park Avenue.

Among those who have given study to the question it is generally felt that in the selection of the location of the Battle Abbey there must be unique and distinctive; that it must be placed where it cannot be hid or overshadowed, but where it will be seen and noticed by every passerby, and be an object to command the attention of every visitor to the city.

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